

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-30. Cancelled.

31. (Currently amended) A method for positioning a hanging device into an object hanging position, ~~the method comprising providing a hanging device having a push plate portion, a substantially straight lance portion projecting at about a right angle from the push plate portion, and a hanger portion extending and projecting from the push plate portion; the method comprising:~~

inserting the lance portion of the hanging device into a wall comprising a drywall or plasterboard material by applying a pressing force on the push plate portion in an axial direction until the hanging device is positioned into a device insertion position; and

rotating the lance portion of the hanging device, about the axial direction and in a plane substantially parallel to the wall, by exerting a rotational force on ~~at least one of the push plate and portion or the hanger portion~~, the lance portion being rotated from the device insertion position to the object hanging position in which the hanger portion is positioned to receive an object;

wherein a lance aperture is created in the wall as a result of the inserting of the lance portion;

wherein the hanging device is a unitary structure such that the lance portion is integral with the push plate portion and the push plate portion is in fixed relation to the lance portion and the hanger portion while inserting the lance portion of the hanging device into the wall.

32. (Currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 31 wherein at least one of the inserting and rotating steps is accomplished without the use of a mechanical tool; The method of claim 31, wherein the hanging device further includes a barb portion that includes a rear shoulder portion and the method further comprises biasing the rear shoulder against the inner surface of the wall by rotating the lance portion about the axial direction such that the hanger portion is secured~~

within or to the wall and the hanger portion is impeded from passing back through the wall via the lance aperture without further rotation of the lance portion.

33. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 34~~32~~ wherein the barb portion includes a rear shoulder and the method further comprises biasing the rear shoulder against the wall such that the hanger is secured within or to the wall and the hanger is impeded from passing back through the wall without further rotation of the lance portion that is located at a distance from a rear surface of the push plate portion, the distance substantially equal to the thickness of the wall.

34. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 31 wherein, during the rotating step, the hanging device is rotated about 90 degrees at least one of clockwise and counter-clockwise about the axial direction. The method of claim 32 wherein the lance aperture is created by inserting the lance and barb portions into the wall and the lance aperture comprises a rectangular or oblong shape.

35-44. Cancelled

45. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 31 wherein the hanger portion is ~~one of~~ a hook hanger, a notched ear hanger, and/or an ear hanger.

46. (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein at least one of the inserting and rotating steps is accomplished without the use of a mechanical tool.

47. (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein, during the rotating step, the hanging device is rotated about 90 degrees at least one of clockwise and counter-clockwise about the axial direction.

48. (New) A hanging device for hanging an object in an object hanging position on a wall comprising drywall or plasterboard material, the device comprising:

a push plate portion;

a substantially straight lance portion that projects at about a right angle from the push plate portion; and

a hanger portion extending and projecting from the push plate portion;

wherein the lance portion of the object hanging device can be inserted into the wall comprising a drywall or plasterboard material by applying a pressing force on the push plate portion in an axial direction until the hanging device is positioned into a device insertion position and, when so inserted, the lance portion forms a lance aperture;

wherein the lance portion of the object hanging device can be rotated about the axial direction and in a plane that is substantially parallel to the wall by exerting a rotational force on at least one of the push plate portion and the hanger portion and such that, when so rotated, the lance portion is rotated from the device insertion position to the object hanging position in which the hanger is positioned to receive an object; and

wherein the hanging device is a unitary structure such that the lance portion is integral with the push plate portion and the push plate portion is in fixed relation to the lance portion and the hanger portion while inserting the lance portion of the hanging device into the wall.

49. (New) The device of Claim 40 further comprising a barb portion that includes a rear shoulder portion and wherein the rear shoulder can be biased against the inner surface of the wall by rotating the lance portion about the axial direction such that the hanger portion is secured within or to the wall and the hanger portion is impeded from passing back through the wall via the lance aperture without further rotation of the lance portion.

50. (New) The device of Claim 41 wherein the barb portion includes a rear shoulder portion that is located at a distance from a rear surface of the push plate portion, the distance substantially equal to the thickness of the wall.

51. (New) The device of claim 32 wherein the lance aperture is created by inserting the lance and barb portions into the wall and the lance aperture comprises a rectangular or oblong shape.